

ST. LOUIS REGION TOP OPENINGS

2021-2023

The St. Louis Region is projected to have over 138,700 total openings each year between 2021 and 2023. Total openings include growth openings, exit openings, and transfer openings. Growth openings are the result of an occupation growing between the base year and the projected year. Exit openings occur when a worker leaves the workforce entirely, such as retirement. Transfer openings occur when a worker leaves their occupation for a different one.

Of the top 20 occupations with the most total openings, five are in the *Food Preparation and Serving Related* major occupational group. *General and Operations Managers* and *Registered Nurses* are occupations that are projected to have high numbers of total openings as well as average wages higher than the St. Louis Region average of \$55,704 for all occupations.

TOP JOB OPENINGS

Occupation	2021-2023 Estimated Employment	2021-2023 Projected Employment	Annual Exit Openings	Annual Transfer Openings	Annual Growth Openings	Annual Total Openings	Average Annual Wage
Fast Food and Counter Workers	24,179	25,914	2,428	2,648	868	5,944	\$25,107
Home Health and Personal Care Aides	34,797	37,216	2,305	2,038	1,210	5,553	\$26,856
Waiters and Waitresses	17,739	19,421	1,364	2,218	841	4,423	\$24,801
Retail Salespersons	29,523	29,553	1,652	2,440	15	4,107	\$32,945
Cashiers	19,322	19,109	1,634	1,840	-106	3,368	\$25,601
Customer Service Representatives	23,378	23,405	1,100	1,840	14	2,954	\$38,736
Office Clerks, General	23,562	23,700	1,290	1,402	69	2,761	\$39,033
Cooks, Restaurant	10,963	12,618	694	1,009	828	2,531	\$27,958
Stockers and Order Fillers	15,151	15,384	869	1,489	116	2,474	\$32,002
General and Operations Managers	24,075	24,837	488	1,516	381	2,385	\$115,316
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	15,835	16,275	1,002	1,126	220	2,348	\$30,738
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	15,907	16,315	705	1,402	204	2,311	\$36,784
Registered Nurses	32,427	32,932	872	822	252	1,946	\$68,561
Secretaries and Admin. Assist., Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	17,540	17,436	890	976	-52	1,814	\$40,195
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	13,392	13,668	554	918	138	1,610	\$52,480
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	8,559	9,328	608	576	384	1,568	\$25,104
Childcare Workers	9,805	10,148	672	697	172	1,541	\$26,241
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	6,811	7,431	318	726	310	1,354	\$36,708
Nursing Assistants	11,671	11,549	744	658	-61	1,341	\$27,153
Food Preparation Workers	6,228	6,660	506	592	216	1,314	\$24,176



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